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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby directs the Examiner's attention to the following information.

Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents cited in International Application No. PCT JP00/03506, and the International Search Report, the Written Opinion and/or the International Preliminary Examination Report in connection with this international application.

JP 6-40938 A

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Japanese Patent Unexamined Publication (Kokai) No. 63-22526, which is a family member of U.S. Patent No. 5,004,805

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Copies of the International Search Report in English and Japanese, the Written Opinion in Japanese, and the International Preliminary Examination Report in English were enclosed with the papers when entering the National Stage on November 29, 2001. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein.

Copies of the above-noted documents, except for JP 6-40938 A and EP 0 456 188 A1 which are indicated in the Notification of Missing Requirements as being submitted, are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this matter, the undersigned may be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

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